

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 179

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 160

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 179—Relative to the Paul Johnson Highway.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 179, John A. Pérez. Paul Johnson Highway.

This measure would designate a specified portion of State Highway Route 55 in Orange County as the Paul Johnson Highway. The measure would also request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost for appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs.

WHEREAS, Paul Johnson began his broadcasting career in the 1950s at a rock and roll station in Grand Forks, North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, Paul Johnson interrupted his career to serve in the United States Army in 1956 and 1957; and

WHEREAS, After his military service, Paul Johnson returned to broadcasting and relocated to Los Angeles, California; and

WHEREAS, Paul Johnson appeared in the 1969 motion picture "Paint Your Wagon" and was one of 60 men that sang the musical score for the movie. Paul Johnson sang bass; and

WHEREAS, Paul Johnson also appeared in several opera productions and in numerous television commercials; and

WHEREAS, Paul Johnson began traffic reporting in 1982 on the radio at several Los Angeles stations, including, KNX, KZLA, KACE, KXEZ, and KSRF; and

WHEREAS, Since August 1988, Paul Johnson has been a part of KNBC's on-air team. During his tenure with KNBC, Paul Johnson served as a weather and traffic report anchor and contributor; and

WHEREAS, Traffic consistently shows up as among the most important information southern California news viewers want; and

WHEREAS, Paul Johnson delivered traffic information daily to millions of southern Californians for 28 years; and

WHEREAS, Paul Johnson ended nearly all of his reports urging viewers to buckle up and be safe on the road; and

WHEREAS, Paul Johnson was the last remaining original member of the Today in L.A. newscast on KNBC; and

WHEREAS, Paul Johnson is much beloved by his wife Nancy, by every member of the KNBC staff, and by millions of southern Californians, who depended on him daily to help them get to work; and

WHEREAS, Based on Paul Johnson's impressive broadcasting career and decades of dedication to helping millions of southern Californians navigate their way to work each morning, it is appropriate to designate a portion of the State Highway Route 55 in honor of Paul Johnson; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby designates the southbound portion of State Highway Route 55 between Katella Avenue and Chapman Avenue, in Orange County, as the Paul Johnson Highway; and be it further

Resolved, That the Department of Transportation is requested to determine the cost of appropriate signs, consistent with the signing requirements for the state highway system, showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources sufficient to cover the cost, to erect those signs; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the author for appropriate distribution.